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General Knowledge

What name is given to the study or collection of money, coins or often medals ?

- Lotology
- Philately
- Numismatics
- Philography

Amar Shonar Bangla Is the national anthem of Bangladesh. Who is its author?

- Rabindranath Tagore
- Muhammed Iqbal
- Raja Ravi Varma
- Prem Chand

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Which Asian city was formerly known as 'Batavia'?

- Yangon (Myanmar)
- Hanoi (Vietnam)
- Jakarta (Indonesia)
- Beijing (China)

Yoga Sutras was written by

- Patanjali
- Sushurtha
- Charaka
- Dhanvantari

Which city houses the headquarters of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the world's 'Atoms for Peace' organisation set up in 1957 within the United Nations family?

- Tokyo (Japan)
- Vienna (Austria)
- Geneva (Switzerland)
- New York (USA)

Kalaripayatt is a martial arts form of

- Kerala, India
- Thailand
- Korea
- China

This message was from whom to whom?

"*We trust that the present occasion may tend to unite in bonds of close affection ourselves and our subjects; that from the highest to the humblest, all may feel that under our rule the great principles of liberty, equity, and justice are secured to them; and to promote their happiness, to add to their prosperity, and advance their welfare, are the ever present aims and objects of our Empire.*"

- Queen Victoria to the people of British India
- King Asoka to the people of Kalinga
- Robert Clive to the people of Murshidabad
- Julius Caesar to the people of Egypt

Devanagari is a

- Language script
- Language of the gods
- An ancient language
- Another name for Hindi

Which among the following is intensely connected to *Tantra*?

- Vajrayâna Buddhism
- Theravada Buddhism
- Mahayana Buddhism
- Zen Buddhism

Stonehenge is in

- England
- Mexico
- Egypt
- Pakistan

Socrates

- Died by drinking a mixture containing poison hemlock
- Was assassinated
- Died naturally
- Died in a war

Moonwalk was the signature move of which singer?

- Michael Jackson
- Helen Roberts
- Boy George
- Kate Bush

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Thirunelly Temple is near to

- Manantody (Mananthavaady)
- Sultan's Battery (Sulthaanbathery)
- Kalpettah
- Meenangadi

Lt Henry Valentine Connolly, who was the then Collector of Malabar, was the person connected to Conolly Teak Plot (the oldest Teak Plantation in the world) at Nilambur, and the Conolly Canal. He

- Was killed by Bhagat Singh
- Died in the Anglo-French war
- Was killed by participants of the Mappilla lahala
- Died in the First World War

Conolly Canal connects

- Kallayi river to Elathur river
- Pampa to Meenachilaar
- Vembanaad Canal to Ashtamudi Canal
- Cochin backwaters to River Nila

The old Collector's Bungalow /Old Court House during British rule is the current

- Pazhassi (Kerala Varma) Raja museum
- Commonwealth Building near Maanaanchira Maidan
- Malabar Christian College
- Corporation office

Western Ghats are also called

- Sahyadris
- Vindya Range
- Mount Abu
- Kangchenjunga

Southernmost tip of the Indian Peninsula is

- Cape Comorin (Kanyakumari)
- Ootacamund
- Coimbatore
- Trivandrum

Which parts of Kerala were not under the British rule, but ruled by their respective native kings before the formation of India?

- Malabar District
- Kazargode Taluk of Dakshina Kannada District
- Travancore and Cochin
- Cape Comorin (KanyaKumari)

Thiyyas are

- A type of coconut tree
- A caste of Malabar area
- A government job categorisation
- A type of technical books

Laccadives (Lakshadweep) and Laccadive Sea are

- In the Bay of Bengal
- In the Arabian Sea
- In the Palk Strait
- Near Goa

Moyinkutty Vaidyar was a

- Famous Traditional Medicine man of Malabar
- A famous poet of the Mappila pattu genre of Malayalam language songs
- A faith healer among the Muslims
- A person who took part in the *Mappila Outbreak* (lahala)

_____ created the first Muslim settlement in Kerala in the 7th century AD

- Malik Ibn Dinar
- Kondotty Thangal
- Panakkaad Thangal
- Sufis

The *aroodashthanam* (place of incarnation) of Sree Muthappan is at

- Kunnathoorpadi, atop Udumbamala, in Cannanore (Kannur) district
- Anamudi, near Eravikulam National Park in Idikki (Idukki) district
- Agasthya mala in Quilon (Kollam) and Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram) districts
- Sabarimala, on the Western Ghat mountain ranges of Pathanamthitta District

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First 3-D film in Malayalam
മലയാളത്തിലെ ആദ്യത്തെ 3-ഡി ചിത്രം

- My dear Kuttichathan മൈ ഡ്യിർ കുട്ടിച്ചാത്തൻ
- Padayottam പടയോട്ടം
- Thacholi Ambu തച്ചോളിയമ്പു
- Aromalunni ആരോമലുണ്ണി

Neelakkuyil, the movie, is based on a story written by
നീലക്കുയിൽ എന്ന ചിത്രം ആരുടെ കഥയെ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയാണ്?

- Uroob ഉറൂബ്
- Vilasini വിലാസിനി
- Malayatoor Ramakrishnan മലയാറ്റൂർ രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ
- Vaikom Muhammed Basheer വൈക്കം മുഹമ്മദ് ബഷീർ

P. J. Antony won the National Film Award for Best Actor in 1974 for his performance as a *velichappaad* *വെളിച്ചപ്പാട്* in the film
P. J. Antonyക്ക് ദേശീയ ബഹുമതി നല്കിയ ചിത്രം

- Nirmalyam നിർമ്മാല്യം
- Kaadu കാട്
- Chemeen ചെമ്മീൻ
- Thulabharam തുലാഭാരം

Prem Nazir's name figures in the Guinness Book of World Records, for acting together consecutively in 107 films with
പ്രേം നസീറിന്റെ പേര് Guinness Book of World Recordsൽ വന്നത് ഏതു നായികയുടെ കൂടെ 107 ചിത്രങ്ങളിൽ അഭിനയിച്ചതിനാണ്?

- Saradha ശാരദ
- Sheela ഷീല
- Jayabharati ജയഭാരതി
- Vijayasree വിജയശ്രി

Vayalar was generally connected to the musician _____ in popular mind
വയലാറിനെ പൊതുവെ ഏത് സംഗീതസംവിധായകനുമായിട്ടാണ് ജനങ്ങൾ കൂട്ടിച്ചേർക്കുന്നത്?

- G Devarajan ജീ ദേവരാജൻ
- M. K. Arjunan (Arjunan Master) അർജുനൻ മാസ്റ്റർ
- K. Raghavan കെ രാഘവൻ
- M. S. Baburaj എം എസ് ബാബുരാജ്

Who was the musician who set the tune for: *Valkannezhuthi Vanapushpam Choodi* in the film *Picnic*?
*വാൽക്കണ്ണെഴുതി, വനപുഷ്പം ചൂടി*_ _ _ _എന്ന *Picnic*ലെ ഗാനം ഏത് സംഗീത സംവിധായകന്റെതാണ്?

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The song *Kadhali Chenkadhali* in the film *Nellu* was written by Vayalar and music by Salil Chowdhury. Who sang it?
നെല്ലിലെ കദളി, ചെങ്കദളി _ _ _ എന്ന പാട്ട് ആരാണ് പാടിയത്?

- Mannade മന്നാടെ
- P Susheela പീ സുശീല
- Lata Mangeshkar ലതാ മങ്കേശ്കർ
- Vani Jayaram വാണി ജയറാം

The character *Pareekutty* in the Malayalam film *Chemeen* was acted by? ചെമ്മീനിലെ *പരീക്കുട്ടി*യെന്ന കഥാപാത്രത്തെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചതാരാണ്?

- Prem Nazir പ്രേം നസീർ
- Madhu മധു
- Kottarakkara Sreedharan Nair കൊട്ടാരക്കര
- Sathyan സത്യൻ

Who sang the song *Sharike Sharike* in the movie *Sharashayya*? *ശരശയ്യ* എന്ന ചിത്രത്തിൽ *ശാരികേ, ശാരികേ സിന്ധുഗംഗാതീരം വളർത്തിയ ഗായികേ* എന്ന ഗാനം ആരാണ് പാടിയത്?

- M. G. Radhakrishnan എം ജി രാധാകൃഷ്ണൻ
- Jayachandran ജയചന്ദ്രൻ
- K. P. Brahmanandan കെ പി ബാലചന്ദ്രൻ
- Mohammed Rafi മുഹമ്മദ് റാഫി

Easwaran Arastil is a drama by *ഈശ്വരൻ അറസ്റ്റിൽ* എന്ന നാടകം ആരുടേതാണ്?

- N N Pillai എൻ എൻ പിള്ള
- Thoppil Bhasi തോപ്പിൽ ഭാസി
- Thilakan തിലകൻ
- Nedumudi Venu നെടുമുടി വേണു

Thunjathu Ramanujan Ezhuthachan is known as the *father of Malayalam language*. He lived around മലയാളത്തിന്റെ *പിതാവെന്നറിയപ്പെടുന്ന എഴുത്തച്ഛന്റെ* കാലഘട്ടം

- Four to five hundred year back (AD 1495- AD 1575) 400 മുതൽ 500 വർഷം പിന്നിൽ
- 2000 years back 2000 വർഷം പിന്നിൽ
- 900 years back 900 വർഷം പിന്നിൽ
- He was a contemporary of Malick Ibn Dinar (Circa 629 A.D) മാലിക്ക് ഇബ്ൻ ദിനാറിന് സമകാലീനനായിരുന്നു

Ottamthullal was a creation of? ഓട്ടം തുള്ളൽ ആരുടെ സൃഷ്ടിയാണ്?

- Kunjan Nambiar കുഞ്ചൻ നമ്പ്യാർ
- Thunjathu Ramanujan Ezhuthachan എഴുത്തച്ഛൻ
- Poonthanam പൂന്താനം
- Unnai Varier ഉണ്ണായി വാര്യർ

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What is the motto of the National Cadet Corps (NCC)?

- Veerta Aur Vivek
- Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- Vayam Rakshaamah
- Ekta Aur Anushasan

_____one of the eight forms of Indian classical dances, originated from Uttar Pradesh. It literally means *storyteller*.

- Odissi
- Kuchipudi
- Kathak
- Bharatanatyam

First Indian Born person to win a Nobel Prize? He was a British doctor who received the Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1902 for his work on malaria. His discovery led to the realisation that malaria was transmitted by Anopheles, and combating the disease.

- Ronald Ross
- CV Raman
- Ramanujan
- Viven Leigh

The Governors and Lieutenant-Governors of a state are appointed by the_____ for a term of 5 years.

- President
- Vidhan Sabha Speaker
- Chief Justice of Supreme Court
- Chief Justice of state High Court

'Paithani' saris is named after the Paithan town in Aurangabad, Maharashtra where they are woven by _____

- Hand
- Power
- Milkmaids
- A multinational company

Smiling Buddha is or was

- India's first nuclear test explosion
- A *Feng shui* idol made in India
- A secret code used by the Indian army during the Kargil War
- A mountain peak near to Tibet

The first winners of the Santosh Trophy were:

- Bengal
- Kerala
- Maharashtra
- Karnataka

British Architect who designed the Rashtrapathi Bhavan:

- Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens
- Le Corbusier
- Pierre Jeanneret
- Matthew Nowicki

Indian player appointed in 2001 as 'Messenger of Peace' by United Nations (UN)?

- Vijay Amritraj
- Prakash Padukone
- Vishwanathan Anand
- Sachin Tendulkar

Rajya Sabha is the ————of the Parliament of India

- Upper house
- Lower house
- Middle level house
- There is no such hierarchy

Satyameva jayate (Truth Alone shall *Triumph*) the motto inscribed in Devanagari script on the National Emblem of India is a quote taken from

- MundakaUpanishad
- Bhagya Sooktham
- Ashtapathi
- Kadambari

Rajiv Gandhi came to power on the sympathy wave connected to his mother's assassination. He lost the next election. What the major political scandal that may have led to his defeat

- 4000 million rupee 'Bofors' commission scandal
- Indian military attacking Ceylonese Tamilians in their homeland
- Connection with Italian weapons agent Ottavio Quattrocchi
- Nagarwala scandal

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Battle of Plassey took place on the banks of which river?

- River Bhagirathi
- River Narmada
- River Saraswathi
- River Indus

Who defeated the Mughal ruler Humayun in the Battle of Chausa (1539) and ascended the throne of Delhi?

- Allaudin Khalji
- Sher Shah Suri
- Muhammad bin Tughlaq
- Bimbisara

Hyder Ali the father of Sultan Tipu usurped the reins of power of the Kingdom of Mysore from

- Krishna Raja Wodeyar II
- Krishnadevaraya
- Sisupala
- Banabhatta

Which ancient Indian sage authored the 'Sankhya Darshan' ?

- Manu
- Bharatha
- Kapil Muni
- Charaka

The attempts by the Mogul Emperor Aurangzeb to suppress Sati, the burning of young widows on the pyre of their dead husbands was

- Not successful
- Very successful
- There was no such attempt
- The order was withdrawn

The Moroccan traveller, who visited India in 14th century, lived in the court of Muhammad bin Tughlag, and wrote his travel experiences in 'Rihla' (Voyage)?

- Fa-hsien
- Marco Polo
- Ibn Batuta
- Zhang Qian

Vishnu Gupt Mishra is another name of

- Kautilya or Chankaya
- Vishnu Sharma
- Vâtsyâyana
- Omar Khayyám

Who was M K Gandhi's nominee who was defeated by Subhas Chandra Bose, in his re-election to the post of the Congress president in 1939? This event was to intensify Gandhi's hostility towards Subash Chandra Bose.

- Pattabhi Sitaramaiah
- Jamnalal Bajaj
- Jawaharlal Nehru
- Manu Gandh

Kohinoor diamond, presented to Queen Victoria by the Maharajah of Lahore has been claimed by India. There is another nation also pressing for its return to them. This nation is

- Iran
- Mesopotamia
- Iraq
- Pakistan

When World War I started, Bal Gangadhar Tilak

- Supported British war efforts, and the Indian Councils Act (Minto-Morley Reforms)
- Spoke against British war efforts, and the Indian Councils Act
- Was sent to Mandalay prison
- Retired from active politics

In Rig Veda, the maximum number of hymns is dedicated to which god?

- Indra
- Surya
- Vishnu
- Varuna

There is a controversy regarding India's National Anthem, *Jana Gana Mana*. The issue is with regard to the claims that the song Jana Gana Mana was written in praise of the

- British sovereign
- Hindu religion
- Bengal
- Hindu God

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_____ is a collection of spells and incantations, apotropaic charms and speculative hymns

- Rigveda
- Yajurveda
- Samaveda
- Atharvaveda

In the Vedic hymns, _____is often invoked together with Varuna

- Agni
- Indra
- Mitra
- Brhaspati

_____ was an English Orientalist and judge of the British Supreme Court of Judicature in Calcutta, who brought Manu Smriti to the world's attention through a late eighteenth-century translation

- Sir William Jones
- Sir Richard Francis Burton
- Forster Fitzgerald Arbuthnot
- Wendy Doniger

_____ is the goddess of knowledge, music, arts and science

- Saraswati
- Indra
- Lakshmi
- Durga

The Triveni Sangam in Allahabad is a confluence of 3 rivers, the Ganges, Yamuna, and Saraswathi. What is the route of River Saraswati?

- Pakistan-Sind
- Gujarat-Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh-Assam
- Invisible, and traditionally believed to flow underground

_____ is a sound, syllable, word, or group of words that is considered capable of "creating transformation"

- A mantra
- A mudra
- A tantra
- A yagna

Sanskrit is an official language of which state in India?

- Gujarat
- Delhi
- Himachal Pradesh
- Utttarakhand

Prakrit, Pali, Magadhi, Ardhamagadhi etc. are_____

- Ancient cities or towns in Maghada Empire
- Ancient languages in the geographical area currently called North India
- Sanskrit Mantras
- *Ragams* in Carnatic music

Gangotri Glacier , the commencing point of River Ganges is in _____

- Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand, India
- Lake Manasarovar, Tibet Autonomous Region of China
- Mount Kailash, in the Gangdisê Mountains in Tibet.
- Yarlung Tsangpo River,Tibet

Most other Indian rivers are referred to as '*nadî*' (feminine gender) in Indo-Aryan languages and languages with Indo-Aryan influence. However a few are refered to in the *masculine* gender '*nadh*'. An example of a masculine gender river is:

- River Ganges (Ganga)
- River Indus (Sindhu)
- River Brahmaputra
- River Yamuna

When Karna took up the challenge to defeat Arjuna in an archery competition, he was refrained from doing so, because of his low level (foster) parentage. Immediately Duryodhana offered him the kingship of a state. As per the dharmashastras, the caste and origin of great mountains, great men and of kings, are of no consequence. Which kingdom was thus offered to Karna?

- Maghada
- Anga
- Vidarbha
- Konkana

मा निषाद परतिष्ठां तवम अगमः शाश्वतीं समाः
यत करौञ्चमिथुनाद एकम अवधीः काममोहितम

mā niṣāda pratiṣṭhāṁ tvamagamaḥ śāśvatīḥ samāḥ

yat krauñcamithunādekam avadhīḥ kāmamohitam

You will find no rest for the long years of Eternity

For you killed a bird in love and unsuspecting

Whose words are these as per tradition?

- Ved Vyas
- Valmiki
- Manu
- Vâtsyâyana

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'Goal' is the autobiography of?
- Wilson Jones
- Dhyan Chand
- Sunil Gavaskar
- Chunni Goswami

For Border-Gavaskar Trophy, the Indian cricket team plays against?
- England
- New Zealand
- Australia
- South Africa

With which sport are the national tournaments 'Durand Cup' and 'Santosh Trophy' associated?
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Football
- Tennis

What is India's Official National Sport?
- Field hockey
- Football
- Badminton
- Cricket

India's first Formula One racing driver
- Narain Karthikeyan
- Sunil Gavaskar
- Prakash Padukone
- Saina Nehwal

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is headquartered at
- Bombay (Mumbai)
- Calcutta (Kolkata)
- Madras (Chennai)
- Cochin (Kochi)

FIFA World Ranking is associated with
- Association Football
- Ruby Football
- Kabadi
- Field Hockey

Kapil Dev, former Indian cricketer, was born at
- Chandigarh, Punjab, India
- Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India
- Jaipur, Rajasthan, India
- Calcutta, West Bengal, India

What was India's Commonwealth Games Scandal?
- Use of prohibited drugs
- Connected to sex
- Connected to misconduct by sportspersons
- Corruption, conspiracy and fund misuse by game organisers

Current Indian Cricket team Captain
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- Sachin Tendulkar
- Gautam Gambhir
- Virat Kohli

Current Indian Cricket Team Coach Duncan Fletcher is a
- British national
- New Zealander
- Australian
- American (US)

Indian Boxing Federation is headquartered at
- New Delhi
- Bombay (Mumbai)
- Calcutta (Kolkata)
- Madras (Chennai)

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Kepler's laws are connected to

- Astronomy
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry

For a fixed amount of an ideal gas kept at a fixed temperature, P [pressure] and V [volume] are inversely proportional. This is

- Boyle's law
- Newton's law
- Edison's law
- Charles' law

Seismometers are used in the study of

- Earthquakes
- Wind speed
- Navigation
- Space travel

Albert Einstein received Noble Prize in 1921 for his

- General theory of relativity
- Special theory of relativity
- Discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect
- Disproving Newtonian mechanics

Principia Mathematica was written by

- Sir Isaac Newton
- Alfred North Whitehead and Bertrand Russell
- Robert Boyle
- Gottfried Leibniz

Gottfried Leibniz is considered to be person who developed infinitesimal calculus. Yet, this field of Mathematic was independently discovered earlier by another scientist, who did not publish his findings. Who was that?

- Archimedes
- Aristotle
- Leonhard Euler
- Sir Isaac Newton

_____was a Greek mathematician, physicist, engineer, inventor, and astronomer.

- Archimedes
- Charaka
- Ptolemy
- Thales of Miletus

Many consider Democritus to be the "father of modern science. Yet, another person is also described as the 'father of modern science'. Who is that?

- Aristotle
- Archimedes
- Thales of Miletus
- Socrates

Cleobulus of Lindos, Solon of Athens, Chilon of Sparta, Bias of Priene, Thales of Miletus, Pittacus of Mytilene and Periander of Corinth were given the title of _____ by the ancient Greeks

- Seven Sages
- Seven Wonders of the World
- Seven philosophers of the world
- Seven scientists of the world

Dynamo was invented by

- Michael Faraday
- Torricelli
- Sir Humphrey Davy
- Albert Einstein

Steel is connected to

- Lead
- Carbon
- Iron
- Mercury

Watt is a

- Derived unit of power
- Derived unit of light
- Derived unit of force
- Derived unit of acceleration

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Which planet is nearest to Sun ?

- Venus
- Mercury
- Earth
- Mars

Which is the lowest layer of the Sun, visible to us?

- Corona
- Troposphere
- Photosphere
- Exosphere

Which was the spaceflight that landed the first humans, Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr,, on July 20, 1969 on the moon?

- Apollo 10
- Apollo 11
- Apollo 12
- Apollo 13

Biggest planet in the Solar System

- Jupiter
- Venus
- Earth
- Pluto

Whish planet has a ‘ring’ around it:

- Neptune
- Jupiter
- Venus
- Saturn

Venus has been named after the Roman goddess of

- Love and beauty
- War
- Sea and wind
- Learning

Which planet is called the Morning Star and also as the Evening Star

- Venus
- Jupiter
- Uranus
- Mercury

The term *Plutoed* means:

- Demote or devalue someone or something
- Go out of the door
- Killed
- Given a promotion

Hubble Space Telescope is located where?

- Low Earth orbit
- Moon
- Sky Lab
- Asteroid belt

What is a *light year*?

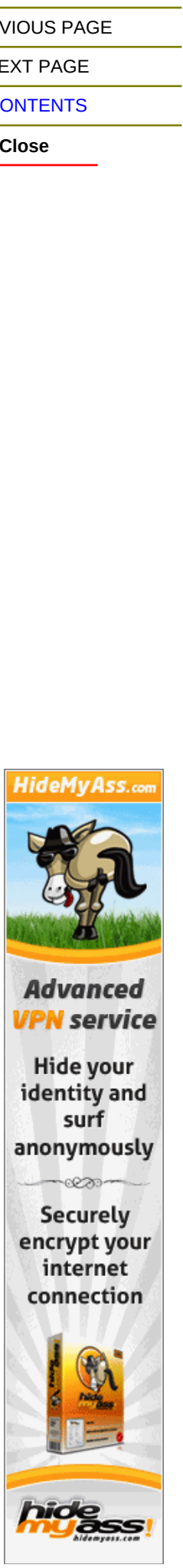
- Light-year is the distance that light travels in a vacuum in one year
- The diameter of Milky Way
- Radius of Milky Way
- Total number of seconds in a year when moving at the velocity of light

Which is our Home Galaxy?

- Milky Way
- Solar Galaxy
- Andromeda
- Virgo Cluster

The brightest star in the night sky is

- Sirius (Alpha Canis Majoris) (Dog Star)
- Canopus (Alpha Carinae)
- Rigel (Beta Orionis)
- Gacrux



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Vulcanisation is a chemical process for converting rubber or related polymers into more durable materials via the addition of _____ or other equivalent “curatives

- Carbon
- Sulphur
- Calcium
- Potassium

A *paragon* is a perfect_____; — flawless and without inclusions

- Diamond
- Gold
- Silver
- Platinum

Sodium carbonate (also known as washing soda or soda ash), Na2CO3 is a sodium salt of_____.

- Carbonic acid
- Hydrochloric Acid
- Sulphuric Acid
- Oxalic Acid

Elemental bromine is a fuming _____liquid at room temperature, corrosive and toxic, with properties between those of chlorine and iodine

- Red-brown
- Dark yellow
- Dark blue
- Pink

Galvanization is the metallurgical process used to coat steel or iron with _____?

- Zinc
- Mercury
- Gold
- Silver

_____ contribute to *ozone depletion*

- Chlorofluorocarbon
- Oxygen
- Potassium Cyanide
- Propane and Butane mix

_____is sensitive to light

- Calcium carbide
- Calcium sulphate
- Silver bromide
- Copper sulphate

In the Earth’s crust, which chemical element has the largest share of 47 percent in terms of weight?

- Iron
- Oxygen
- Calcium
- Silicon

The artificially created element 117, provisionally referred to by the systematic name_____, may also be a halogen

- Ununseptium
- Einsteinium
- Mendelevium
- Lawrencium

Graphite and diamond are _____

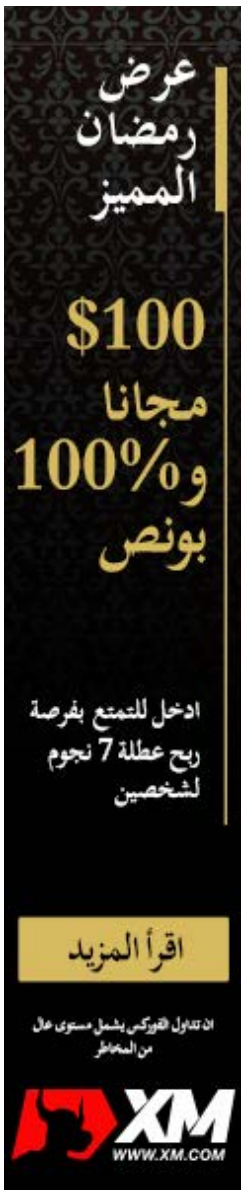
- Isotopes of carbon
- Allotropes of carbon
- Differently manufactured forms of carbon
- Not carbon at all

Sublimation is the process of transition of a substance from the solid phase to the gas phase without passing through an intermediate liquid phase. What is the reverse process of sublimation?

- Solidification
- Deposition
- Aggregation
- Freezing

Actinides, radium and radon are

- Radioactive elements
- Explosives
- Photosensitive compounds or elements
- Are deep red coloured elements



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_____is the force that causes the interaction between electrically charged particles

- Static electricity
- Electromagnetism
- Magnetism
- Gravitation

_____is the energy of a body or a system due to the position of the body or the arrangement of the particles of the system

- Kinetic energy
- Magnetic energy
- Potential energy
- Electrical energy

In quantum mechanics, the _____ states a fundamental limit on the accuracy with which certain pairs of physical properties of a particle, such as position and momentum, can be simultaneously known

- Classical Mechanics
- Heisenberg uncertainty principle
- Doppler Effect
- Kepler's law

In classical electromagnetism, the electromagnetic field obeys a set of equations known as _____

- Einstein's equations
- Maxwell's equations
- Carey Fosters' equations
- Einstein field equations

Radioactivity: In gamma decay, a nucleus decays from an excited state into a lower energy state, by emitting a gamma ray. The element _____in the process.

- Is not changed to another element
- Is changed into another element
- May or may not change into another element
- Will get altered in the number of electrons its has

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is a medical imaging technique used in radiology to visualize detailed internal structures. MRI makes use of the property of _____to image nuclei of atoms inside the body.

- Nuclear magnetic resonance
- Gama radiation
- X-rays radiation
- Neutrino magnetic resonance

Ion implantation is a materials engineering process by which ions of a material are accelerated in an electrical field and impacted into a solid. This process can change the _____ of the solid:

- Physical, chemical, or electrical properties
- Physical properties only
- Physical and chemical properties
- Electrical properties only

Radiocarbon dating (carbon dating) is a radiometric dating method that uses the naturally occurring radioisotope _____to estimate the age of carbon-bearing materials up to about 58,000 to 62,000 years

- Carbon-11
- Carbon-12
- Carbon-13
- Carbon-14

_____ is the branch of physics concerned with the behaviour of physical bodies when subjected to forces or displacements, and the subsequent effects of the bodies on their environment.

- Mechanics
- Mechanical engineering
- Quantum Mechanics
- Relativity

Red shift is an indication that

- Stars are receding
- Stars are moving towards us
- The universe is imploding
- We are at the centre of the Universe

The _____by Aristotle is one of the foundational books of Western science and philosophy

- Natural Science
- Principia
- Dialectical Mechanism
- Physics

If the mass and force are doubled, acceleration will?

- Double
- Triples
- Become retardation
- Remain same as before

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Which is the largest animal in world?

- Giraffe
- Elephant
- Camel
- Blue Whale

Anatomy is the study of

- The structure of living things
- The development of an embryo
- The study of abnormalities of physiological development
- The study of animal behaviour

_—_—— are marine mammals closely related to whales and porpoises

- Dolphin
- Sea Otter
- Walrus
- Seal

The *Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals* is a book on psychology written by

- Charles Darwin
- Sigmund Freud
- Wilhelm Wundt
- John Dewey

The use of _____in citrus cultivation in southern China is considered as one of the oldest known applications of biological control

- Weaver ants
- Parasitic wasps
- Vulture bees
- American cockroach

The only mammals naturally capable of true and sustained flight

- Bats
- Flying squirrels
- Butterflies
- Spiders

_____is a yellowish pigmentation of the skin, the conjunctival membranes over the sclerae (whites of the eyes), and other mucous membranes caused by hyperbilirubinemia (increased levels of bilirubin in the blood)

- Malaria
- Viral encephalitis
- Jaundice
- Chagas disease

Apes are native to

- Africa and South-east Asia
- All continents
- Only Africa
- South America

Law of Segregation and the *Law of Independent Assortment* are connected to

- Charles Darwin
- Sigmund Freud
- Gregor Mendel
- James D. Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins

Labrador Retriever is a species of

- Dog
- Cat
- Camel
- Horse

_____'s book *Historiae animalium* is considered to be the beginning of Zoology

- Conrad Gessner
- Gregor Mendel
- Charles Darwin
- Carl Linnaeus

Carl Linnaeus was a Swedish botanist, physician, and zoologist, who laid the foundations for the modern scheme of

- Fossil record
- Binomial nomenclature
- Germ theory of disease
- Cell theory

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What is Google Moon?

- A new Google Gadget to monitor the skies
- A map of earth taken from the moon
- A Street view technique used in Google Earth
- A Google service that shows satellite images of the Moon

What does the usage Breadcrumbs mean in connection to a webpage?

- Hierarchical links from the current page to a parent page, that goes up to the home page
- It is a code used in Dreamweaver
- It is connected to the website dealing with bakery products
- It is a HTML code

HyperText Markup Language (HTML) elements are the basic building-blocks of

- Webpages
- Mobile phones software
- Digital books
- Kindle readers

1 Terabyte =

- 1024 gigabytes
- 1000 gigabytes
- 1000 megabytes
- 1000 bytes

A Web 2.0 (Web Two Point Oh!)

- Is a term connected to World Wide Web
- Is an Operating System
- Is a computer language
- Has nothing to do with computers and Internet

Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the inventor of the World Wide Web is

- An Indian national
- A US citizen
- A person from Continental Europe
- A British computer scientist

Portable Document Format (PDF) was created by

- Adobe Systems
- Microsoft
- Google
- Yahoo

The term ‘Domain name’ is connected to

- Uniform Resource Locators (URLs)
- Computer hardware
- Software engineering
- Computer study

Amazon Kindle are

- Ebook readers sold by Amazon
- Computers sold by Amazon
- Mobile phones sold by Amazon
- Not connected to Amazon

Myspace is

- A social networking service
- A default computer folder
- A hardware manufacturing company
- A software teaching organisation

Mainframe computers

- Are powerful computers
- Another name for personal computers
- Are computers used in commercial offices
- Are computer fitted lathes

Wikipedia is an

- Encyclopaedia published by the BBC
- Is an online site giving free medical help
- Is a free online Encyclopaedia that anyone can edit
- Is a new concept in online social networking

Police Scanners

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What does the term *English Rule* mean in Jurisprudence?

- Party who loses in court pays the other party's attorney's fees
- Each party is generally responsible to pay its own attorneys' fee
- This is a rule that is connected to the application of British laws elsewhere
- None of the above

Golden rule or *British rule* is a form of statutory construction which

- Allows a judge to depart from a word's normal meaning in order to avoid an absurd result
- Is a sort of aphorism that is used in jurisprudence
- Connects laws to moral and ethical issues
- Sets down the laws to be enforced in British overseas

The great negative aspect of the Indian Protection of Women from Domestic Violence is that

- It is needs to give more power to women
- It is not being used by the women to protect themselves
- It needs to give more powers to the police
- It does not provide an effective judicial protection for the accused from *false accusations*

Mandamus literally means

- *We command*
- *What is your right?*
- *Do not interfere*
- *Do not do this*

Creative Commons Attribution, GNU Free Documentation License and Public Domain are terms connected to

- Right to Judicial remedies
- Public Interest Litigation
- Right to use public property
- Copyright

What is Copyleft?

- It is a leftist ideology that does not recognise Copyright at all.
- Copyright of communist books
- It is not a legal term at all
- It is connected to the concept of making any work freely copy-able

Affidavit is a

- Plea or prayer to the judicial officer
- Request for judicial remedy
- Summons
- Sworn written statement signed by a deponent

Certiorari is a

- Form of Judicial Review
- Executive order
- Police proclamation
- Right to legal representation

De facto means

- In fact
- Approved by law
- Not connected to law
- Cannot defect

Duces tecum is a

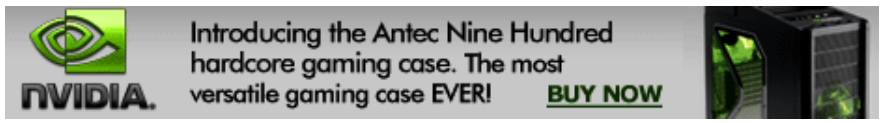
- Type of *subpoena*
- Death statement
- Confession
- Type of prayer to the judicial officer

Ex parte means

- Makes acts illegal which were committed before the law was passed
- Court application made without notice to the other side
- Both parties have withdrawn from the case
- One party has absconded

The International Court of Justice is at

- White House, Washington, USA
- White Hall, London, UK
- Viceroy's Bungalow, New Delhi, India
- Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands



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In the Vedas, Soma is both a drink, and a plant. Drinking Soma produces

- Immortality
- Divinity
- Intoxication
- Near Death Experience

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. This is:

- HYMN 135 Rig Veda
- Chapter 1, Verse 7 Torah
- From Quran
- Psalm 23:4 from Old Testament Bible

Among the Muslims, which is the majority sect?

- Sunni
- Shia
- Ahmadiyya
- Kharijite

Of the four Yugas of the Vedic Religion, Satya Yuga, Treta Yuga, Dvapara Yuga, and Kali Yuga, in which Yuga does the Kalki, an avatar (incarnation) of Lord Vishnu appear?

- Kali Yuga
- Satya Yuga
- Dvapara Yuga
- Treta Yuga

Each of the ____ chapters of the Quran, with one exception, begins with the verse, "*In the name of God the Compassionate, the Merciful*,

- 232
- 102
- 2012
- 114

The Torah is the name for the first five books of the

- Jewish Bible
- Christian Bible
- Buddhist
- Buddhavacana (Words of Buddha)

The _____is the longest Sanskrit epic

- Mahabharata
- Ramayana
- Kamasutra
- Mahâyâna sutras

The Talmud is a scripture connected to

- Judaism
- Islam
- Christianity
- Jainism

Vedas are said to be “apaurashaya”, a Sanskrit word meaning “_____” and which further reveals their eternal non-changing status.

- Codes of creation
- Uncreated by man
- Hymns to god
- Holy scriptures

The Bhagavad Gita, which contains the spiritual teachings of____, is one of the most widely read scriptures in Hinduism

- Brahma
- Vatsyayana
- Valimiki
- Krishna

Ahmadiyya is an Islamic reformist movement founded in British India near the end of the 19th century. _____is the only state to have officially declared the Ahmadis to be non-Muslims as they do not regard the Prophet Muhammad to be the final prophet

- India
- Saudi Arabia
- Indonesia
- Pakistan

Wahhabism is a branch of

- Vajrayana Buddhism
- Bahá’í Faith
- Vedic Religion (Vedic Brahmanism)
- Islam

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Palaeolithic Era means

- Early Stone Age
- Prehistory
- New Stone Age
- Medieval Age

The **Outline of History** was written by

- H G Wells
- Jawaharlal Nehru
- Thomas Carlyle
- Herodotus

Who is generally known as the **Father of history**?

- Herodotus
- Socrates
- Fa-Hien
- Niccolò Machiavelli

Hellenistic period is

- A period in Greek history
- A period in Roman history
- A period in Mayan history
- A period in British colonial history

Mesopotamia encompassed the land between the Euphrates and _____

- Tigris
- Yangtze
- Caspian Sea
- Afghanistan

Pericles lived during the

- Time of Polynesian wars
- Golden age of Athens
- Height of the Roman Empire
- Renaissance

In the World War II, which among the following country was not a member of the military alliance called 'Axis Powers'?

- Italy
- Japan
- France
- Germany

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The Pharos of Alexandria was the

- King of Egypt
- Seaport of Egypt
- Sphinx of Alexandria
- Lighthouse of Alexandria

Maya civilization existed in

- South America
- Asia
- Europe
- Africa

Harappa, the township associated with Indus Valley Civilisation is in

- India
- Pakistan
- Afghanistan
- Kazakhstan

Azad Kashmir is

- Kashmir freed by India
- Capital of Kashmir
- Part of Pakistan-administered Kashmir
- Language of Kashmir

UN Security Council passed Resolution 47 on 21 April 1948 stating: the final disposition of the State of Jammu and Kashmir will be made in accordance with the will of the people expressed through the democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite conducted under the auspices of the United Nations. What happened?

- Pakistan held a plebiscite, India did not
- India held a plebiscite, Pakistan did not
- Both nations held plebiscites
- Neither nation held a plebiscite

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On the map, what line connects the places having equal average atmospheric pressure ?

- Isobar
- Isochrone
- Isotherm
- Isohalines

Vinson Masiff lying in the Sentinel Range of the Ellsworth Mountains is the highest mountain peak of which continent ?

- Africa
- Europe
- Antarctica
- Australia

Which Ocean's greatest depth is in the Puerto Rico Trench ?

- Indian Ocean
- Arctic Ocean
- Atlantic Ocean
- Pacific Ocean

According to Standard time zone classification, the earth is divided into how many time zones (lunes)?

- 12
- 24
- 48
- 96

Which is the most populous island in the world?

- Java (an island of Indonesia)
- Sri Lanka
- Tasmania
- Great Britain

Which strait connects the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean?

- Strait of Malacca
- Strait of Magellan
- Strait of Gibraltar
- Strait of Hormuz

The grassland region known as the "World's Breadbasket"?

- Pampas of Argentina
- Prairies of North America
- Savannas of Africa
- Steppes of Russia

Death Valley is in

- Cape Town, South Africa
- Kerala, India
- Eastern California, USA
- La Paz, Bolivia

Karakoram is

- a hill near to Trivandrum, India
- a part of Andes, South America
- a large mountain range spanning the borders between Pakistan, India and China
- a place in North Sri Lanka, where civilians were brutally bombed by the Sri Lankan forces

Deccan Plateau is in

- India
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Kazakhstan

International Date Line is exactly on the opposite side of the globe of the

- Prime Meridian
- Equator
- Tropic of Cancer
- North Pole

The southern most tip of Africa is located at

- Cape of Good Hope
- Cape Agulhas
- Cape Comorin
- Cape Town

Whatever your health problem or concern

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Laws of cricket which describe the laws of cricket worldwide, to ensure uniformity and fairness are a set of rules established by the

- Marylebone Cricket Club
- England and Wales Cricket Board
- Cricket Australia
- New Zealand Cricket

_____is an annual bicycle race held in France and nearby countries

- Villemomble Sports
- *Patronages de l'Algérie française*
- *Sports Réunis Haguenau*
- *Tour de France*

The Championships, Wimbledon is the oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament in the world. It is held at the

- All England Club in Wimbledon, London
- All Britain Club in Wimbledon, London
- All Europe Club at Wimbledon, London
- All English Club at Wimbledon, London

What is Rugby League?

- A type of hockey
- A type of football
- A type of wrestling
- A sports club

Ping-Pong is another name of:

- Rifle shooting
- Polo
- Table Tennis
- Kickboxing

Water polo is a team water sport. The team consist of

- Three players and one goalkeeper
- Ten players and no goalkeeper
- Five players and no goalkeeper
- Six field players and one goalkeeper

The first Asian Games was regulated by the Asian Games Federation till 1978 Games. From the 1982 games onwards, it has been organised by the:

- Olympic Council of Asia
- Indo-Asian Council of Games
- International Olympic Committee
- Asian Games Council

Who is generally considered as the *father* of the modern Olympic Games?

- Queensbury
- Sir Donald George Bradman
- Mohammed Ali
- Pierre de Coubertin

Decathlon consists of

- 5 Sports events
- 10 Sports events
- 8 Sports events
- 3 Sports events

Winter Olympic Games takes place every

- Four years
- Three years
- Two years
- One year

Sir Donald George Bradman was

- A Briton
- An Australian
- A Canadian
- A US citizen

Which Shuttle badminton championship is considered to be the equivalent of *Wimbledon* (for Lawn Tennis)?

- Thomas cup
- BWF World Championships
- All England Championship
- Uber Cup

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Africa

Which African country was formerly known as 'Abyssinia'?

- Namibia
- Lesotho
- Ethiopia
- Botswana

To the north of Africa is

- The Mediterranean Sea
- Indian Ocean
- Atlantic Ocean
- Cape of Good Hope

Which of these nations is not a member of the African Union?

- Egypt
- Ghana
- Libya
- Morocco

What was dubbed as the Dictators' Club by critics?

- Organisation of African Unity
- African Union
- British West Africa Squadron
- African Economic Community

Between 1808 and 1860, the _____ seized approximately 1,600 slave ships and freed 150,000 Africans who were aboard

- British West Africa Squadron
- US Army under the order of Abraham Lincoln
- Indian National Congress
- African Union

_____ was a nation created by the freed slaves of America. However, these US returned Blacks gathered the power in their own hands, more or less suppressing the native blacks. 85% of the population live below international poverty line.

- Liberia
- Ethiopia
- Sudan
- Sierra Leone

What is correct about South Africa during Apartheid?

- Blacks were denied education, English learning & Medical Care.
- Blacks did not improve culturally, educationally and quality-wise.
- Everyone above eighteen years were given an identity card specifying their race
- There was no segregation in education, medical care, beaches and public services.

Ghana's earlier name was

- Gold Coast
- Cameroon
- Tunisia
- Benin

The European colonialists who were merely interested in horribly exploiting the people and resources of the land, without any aim of improving the people were the

- British
- French
- Belgians
- Dutch

_____ was a movement formed by Edmund Dene Morel, and Roger Casement (two British men) to aid the exploited and impoverished workforce in King Leopold II of Belgium's Congo Free State by drawing attention to their plight

- Congo Reform Association
- Anti-Slavery Society
- Anti-Slavery International
- British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society

The Buxton Memorial Fountain is a memorial and drinking fountain in London that commemorates the _____

- Emancipation of slaves in the British Empire in 1834
- British West Africa
- British South Africa Company
- East Africa Protectorate

Which African country was formerly known as South West Africa?

- Namibia
- Malawi
- Botswana
- Zimbabwe

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'*Playground of Europe*' is the nickname of which European country?

- Greece
- Germany
- Monaco
- Switzerland

Europe is bordered by the _____ to the south.

- The Ural River, the Caspian and Black Seas
- The Atlantic Ocean
- Asia
- The Mediterranean Sea

Which is the smallest country in Europe?

- Israel
- Peru
- Mali
- Vatican City

What separates Continental Europe from Great Britain?

- The Palk Strait
- Durand Line
- The English Channel
- Bering Strait

Normandy landings refers to

- Landing of people of Normandy in Australia
- Launching of a space shuttle from Normandy
- Landing operations of the Allied invasion of Normandy
- It is a place name in North Europe

According to Thomas Carlyle, Napoleon (then a brigadier general) cleared the street filled with Royalist insurrectionists with a '*whiff of grapeshot*'. What is this grapeshot?

- It is machinegun fire, from many directions on the same focus
- High-powered rifle shooting with terrible sound
- Terrorising words and oration that can send people fleeing in terror
- A type of shot that is not a one solid element, but a mass of small metal balls or slugs packed tightly into a canvas bag

Which country's leadership has been accused of pressurising Norway not to help the Tamilians as they were being ruthlessly bombed and killed by the Sri Lankan forces?

- Great Britain
- India
- Libya
- Pakistan

The European Central Bank is headquartered at

- Frankfurt, Germany
- London, Great Britain
- Paris, France
- Venice, Italy

Some countries outside the EU also have attained the right to use euro and also to mint their own coins. However, they do not have a seat in the ECB or Euro Group They are:

- Monaco, San Marino, and Vatican City
- Great Britain and Ireland
- Mexico and Peru
- South Africa and Zimbabwe

The killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was the immediate provocation for the commencement of which war

- World War I
- World War II
- Anglo-French War
- 100 years war

Heinrich Luitpold Himmler

- Was a German scientist
- Was a Nazi party leader
- Was one of the persons involved in the making of the Atom Bomb
- Was a communist revolutionary who was killed by Hitler

Pillars of Hercules is

- The two rock pillars found in Athens
- The rocky heights that flank the entrance to the Strait of Gibraltar
- Towers that are found near to the sea in Greece
- The narrow strait that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea and separates Spain in Europe from Morocco in Africa

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Capital of Scotland?

- Edinburgh
- Winchester
- Bristol
- Manchester

Great Britain is divided into smaller regions called:

- Counties
- Districts
- Boroughs
- States

_____ is the meeting place of the two houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom—the House of Lords and the House of Commons:

- Palace of Westminster
- Westminster Abbey
- White Hall
- Downing Street

Was the first Norman King of England

- King Arthur
- William the Conqueror
- Richard the lionheart
- Henry the Young King

Whose words are these?

We have our own dream and our own task. We are with Europe, but not of it. We are linked but not combined. We are interested and associated but not absorbed.

- Nick Griffin
- Horatio Nelson
- Winston Churchill
- Robert Walpole

Which British Queen had the title of *Empress of India?*

- Mary I (Bloody Mary)
- Queen Victoria
- Elizabeth II
- Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz

Which English poet's lines are these: "We have no slaves at home – Then why abroad? Slaves cannot breathe in England; if their lungs receive our air, that moment they are free. They touch our country, and their shackles fall. That's noble, and bespeaks a nation proud. And jealous of the blessing. Spread it then, And let it circulate through every vein.

- William Cowper
- Lord Tennyson
- Sir Walter Scott
- Oscar Wilde

Welsh is a ——————language

- Indo-European
- Germanic
- Malayo-Polynesian
- Celtic

Isle of Man is a

- Crown Dependency
- British Antarctic Territory
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- Commonwealth of Nation

People of Gibraltar opted for _____ in the 1967 and 2002 referendum.

- Spanish citizenship
- British citizenship
- American citizenship
- Indian citizenship

Between 1807 and 1865, Royal Navy maintained a Blockade of Africa to counter the illegal _____ trade

- Pepper
- Gold
- Diamond
- Slave

Which was the song sung by the crew of HMS Sheffield, which had been struck by an Exocet anti-ship missile sent by the Argentine forces during the Falkland war, as they awaited rescue?

- Always Look on the Bright Side of Life
- Colonel Bogey March
- Yankee Doodle went to town
- Rule, Britannia!

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British Colonialism

Robert Clive led the East India Company to a victory against————, the commander of the French forces in India, and recaptured Fort St George from the French

- Joseph François Dupleix
- Samuel De Champlain
- Marshal Saxe
- Charles de Gaulle

Compared to the Crown's Rule in India, the rule of the East India Company was relatively:

- Disdainful to the native rulers and feudal lords
- Accommodative of the sovereign and feudal rights of the local rulers and feudal lords
- Both were more or less same in this aspect
- Both did not have anything to do with the local rulers and feudal lords

British rule in India was marked by

- Looting of temples and other religious places
- Making everyone eligible for English education without any caste restriction
- Kidnapping of native womenfolk by the British
- Enslaving of lower classes

In areas ruled by the British in India

- Lower class females were statutorily disallowed to wear upper garments
- The statutory requirement for the lower class female not to wear upper garments was not in place
- There was no such statutory or social requirement anywhere in India at that time or before
- All women were quite well dressed

Sir Elijah Impey was

- A chief justice of Bengal
- A Governor General of India
- Governor of Bengal
- The military commander of Delhi during the Sepoy Mutiny

This is a quote from Macaulay's **Minutes on Indian Education:**
It is impossible for us, with our limited means, to attempt to educate the body of the people. We must at present do our best to form a class who may be interpreters between us and the millions whom we govern; a class of persons, Indian in blood and colour, but English in taste, in opinions, in morals, and in intellect. To that class we may leave it to refine the vernacular dialects of the country, to enrich those dialects with terms of science borrowed from the Western nomenclature, and to render them by degrees fit vehicles for conveying knowledge to the great mass of the population. Macaulay's belief was that the English-educated native would transfer his English knowledge to others in the society.
After the British left

- English educated Indians helped other Indians learn English
- Indian government strived hard to give English education to the lower classes here
- Indian government strived hard to deny English education to the lower classes here
- The lower classes demanded that they be taught English which had become a privilege of the rich.

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After the British left, the Indian administration

- Became less corrupt, more pro people
- Became totally corrupt and terribly disrespectful to the people
- Removed most of the taxes, levied by the British
- Lessened the salaries and perks of the public servants

This burning of widows is your custom; prepare the funeral pile. But my nation has also a custom. When men burn women alive we hang them, and confiscate all their property. My carpenters shall therefore erect gibbets on which to hang all concerned when the widow is consumed. Let us all act according to national customs.

Whose words are these?

- Sir Charles Napier's
- William Bentinck's
- William Henry Sleeman's
- Robert Clive's

Raja Ram Mohan Roy supported Macaulay's proposal to teach English to the common man's children in India. Most Indian social and religious leader opposed the idea of teaching English to the common man's children. However, in modern times a particular dalit writer has come out with the idea that teaching English to the lower classes instead of the Indian vernacular can help them come out of their lower social status. Who is this writer?

- Mulk Raj Anand
- Ruskin Bond
- Chandra Bhan Prasad
- Sonia Gandhi

In terms of what the Americans were fighting for, the American War of Independence can be called a very stupid war. For, in most nations more terrible wretchedness is imposed on the people by their ruling class, with no complains from the adversely affected. Yet, in the war, the British had to concede defeat. Which nation's armed intervention on the other side proved decisive in this war?

- Spanish
- French
- German
- Dutch

The _____ was a network of secret routes and safe houses used by 19th century black slaves in the US to escape to the *free* states and Canada (where British anti-slavery laws were in force) with the aid of abolitionists.

- Underground Railroad
- Black hole
- Black Heritage Trail
- Order of the Phoenix

The Vellore Mutiny on 10 July 1806 was the first instance of a large scale and violent mutiny by Indian *sepoys* against the British East India Company. The mutineers raised the _____ flag over the Vellore fort and declared Fateh Hyder as the King.

- Viyaya Nagar Empire
- Chola Empire
- Mugal Empire
- Mysore Sultanate

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Which English writer was known as the '*Bard of Avon*'?

- Lewis Carroll
- William Shakespeare
- Charles Dickens
- Rudyard Kipling

Which Bombay-born British author wrote 'The Jungle Book', a collection of 'Mowgli' stories?

- Ruskin Bond
- Indana Jones
- V.S. Naipaul
- Rudyard Kipling

The Famous Five is the name of a series of children's novels written by

- Enid Blyton
- Hans Anderson
- Charles Dickens
- Snow White

I choose my friends for their good looks, my acquaintances for their good characters, and my enemies for their good intellects. A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies.

This quote from Oscar Wilde (British author of Irish descent) is from which of his books?

Note: Oscar Wilde is usually featured as an *Irish* author.

- The Critic as Artist
- The Happy Prince and Other Tales
- The House of Pomegranates
- The Picture of Dorian Gray

Frankenstein is a horror novel written by Mary Shelly. Who is Frankenstein?

- A monster
- A ghost
- The scientist who created the monster
- A sea captain

In which book by Arthur Conan Doyle does Sherlock Holmes comes back after being believed dead?

- The Adventure of the Empty House
- A Study in Scarlet
- The Sign of the Four
- The Adventure of the Gloria Scott

The Canterbury Tales are told as part of a story-telling contest by a group of pilgrims as they travel together on a journey from Southwark to the shrine of _____at Canterbury Cathedral.

- Saint Thomas Becket
- Saint Alban
- Saint Arthur
- Little Saint Hugh of Lincoln

Utopia was authored by

- Thomas Moore
- William Thackeray
- Thomas Hardy
- Sir Walter Scott

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In this story, a person exists in two different personalities:

- Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
- Dracula
- Rebecca
- Vanity Fair

Mirror, mirror on the wall / Who is the fairest of them all?

This quote is from which story?

- Pirates of the Caribbean
- Ugly Duckling
- A stranger in the mirror
- Snow White

'Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again': This is a famous opening line of a novel written by Daphne du Maurier. In this novel, the narrators name is never divulged. Which is this novel?

- Jamaica Inn
- Frenchman's Creek
- Rebecca
- My Cousin Rachel

It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known: This quote from Charles Dickens' A tale of two cities. Who says this line in the novel?

- Charles Darnay
- Sydney Carton
- Charles Dickens
- Dr. Alexandre Manette

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Australia

Who was the first British Sea Captain to claim Australian land for Britain?

- Magellan
- James Cook
- Frederick Drake
- Robert Clive

Australia Day, the official national day of Australia, commemorates

- The date on which Australia became independent
- The date on which Australia became a republic
- The arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788
- The day on which Captain James Cook came to Australia

The final constitutional ties between Australia and the UK were severed with the passing of the Australia Act 1986. This

- Removed the British queen from the position of Head of state
- Removed Australia from membership in the Commonwealth
- Ended British role in the government of the Australian States, and removed the option of judicial appeals to the Privy Council in London
- None of the above

Australia is officially called the

- Commonwealth of Australia
- Republic of Australia
- Democratic Republic of Australia
- Royal Republic of Australia

Royal Assent for The Constitution of Australia was given on 9 July 1900 by

- Queen Victoria
- Queen Elizabeth II
- Queen Mary
- King George V

The Commonwealth Star is a seven-pointed star symbolising

- The Federation of Australia
- The Australian membership in the British Commonwealth
- The distance of Australia from other Continents
- The Monarch of England

The sixth state of Australia is Tasmania

- It is area to the northern seaside
- It is the area to the southern seaside
- It is a landlocked area
- It is made up of islands

The Union Flag (Union Jack), the Flag of the United Kingdom

- Has been removed from the flag of Australia
- Was never there on the flag of Australia
- Is on the upper hoist quarter of the flag of Australia
- Is on the lower hoist quarter of the flag of Australia

Australia's constitution is

- Based on local conventions
- Based on British customs and conventions
- A written one
- Australia has no independent constitutions, and uses British constitution

Succession to the Australian Throne is by

- Male-preference primogeniture
- Election by the Australian Parliament
- Direct election by the people
- There is no such royalty in Australia

The ranks of the Australian Army are

- Based on the ranks of the British Army
- Based on the ranks of the US Army
- Based on the ranks of the Indian Army
- They are totally distinct from all the above

The Australian republic referendum was held on 6 November 1999. It decided that

- A written constitution was to be made for Australia
- Multiculturalism should be allowed in Australia
- Constitutional monarchy under the British Monarch should be retained
- Australia should become a republic with a President appointed by Parliament

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Language Codes

Malayalam

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A FEW days later, my master brought Panchu round to me. His __zamindar__, it appeared, had fined him a hundred rupees, and was threatening him with ejectment.

"For what fault?" I enquired.

"Because," I was told, "he has been found selling foreign cloths. He begged and prayed Harish Kundu, his __zamindar__, to let him sell off his stock, bought with borrowed money, promising faithfully never to do it again; but the __zamindar__ would not hear of it, and insisted on his burning the foreign stuff there and then, if he wanted to be let off. Panchu in his desperation blurted out defiantly: "I can't afford it! You are rich; why not buy it up and burn it?" This only made Harish Kundu red in the face as he shouted: "The scoundrel must be taught manners, give him a shoe-beating!" So poor Panchu got insulted as well as fined.

"What happened to the cloth?"

"The whole bale was burnt."

"Who else was there?"

"Any number of people, who all kept shouting __*Bande Mataram*__. Sandip was also there. He took up some of the ashes, crying: 'Brothers! This is the first funeral pyre lighted by your village in celebration of the last rites of foreign commerce. These are sacred ashes. Smear yourselves with them in token of your __Swadeshi__ vow.'"

"Panchu," said I, turning to him, "you must lodge a complaint."

"No one will bear me witness," he replied.

"None bear witness?—Sandip! Sandip!"

Sandip came out of his room at my call. "What is the matter?" he asked.

"Won't you bear witness to the burning of this man's cloth?"

Sandip smiled. "Of course I shall be a witness in the case," he said. "But I shall be on the opposite side."

"What do you mean," I exclaimed, "by being a witness on this or that side? Will you not bear witness to the truth?"

"Is the thing which happens the only truth?"

"What other truths can there be?"

"The things that ought to happen! The truth we must build up will require a great deal of untruth in the process. Those who have made their way in the world have created truth, not blindly followed it."

This excerpt is from which book?

- Navid Nama by Muhammad Iqbal
- Home and the World by Rabindranath Tagore
- Anandamath by Bankim Chandra Chatterji
- Freedom at Midnight by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre
- Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie
- Friends not masters by Mohammad Ayub Khan
- The Story of My Experiments with Truth by M K Gandhi
- Discovery of India by Jawaharlal Nehru
- The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian by Nirad C. Chaudhuri
- Kanthapura by Raja Rao
- Malgudi Days by R. K. Narayan
- Train to Pakistan by Khushwant Singh

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Famous Quotations

If you reveal your secrets to the wind, you should not blame the wind for revealing them to the trees.
Kahlil Gibran G B Shaw Somerset Maugham

Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people by the people for the people.
Machiavelli Martin Luther King Oscar Wilde

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.
William Booth Samuel Johnson Lord Tennyson

Who controls the past controls the future: who controls the present controls the past.
George Orwell Honore de Balzac Winston Churchill

'There is no use trying', said Alice; 'one can't believe impossible things.' 'I dare say you haven't had much practice, said the Queen. When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.'
Napoleon Lewis Carroll Talleyrand

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.
Shakespeare Confucius Aristotle

Wit is educated insolence
Aristotle Henry Ford Thomas Moore

Our brightest blazes are commonly kindled by unexpected sparks
Sigmund Freud Anna Freud Samuel Johnson

Words have weight, sound and appearance; it is only by considering these that you can write a sentence that is good to look at and good to listen to.
Hemmingway Somerset Maugham Thomas Hardy

And ever has it been known that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.
Kahlil Gibran Lord Tennyson John Ruskin

Graveyards are full of indispensable men.
Charles de Gaulle Charles Darwin Oscar Wilde

The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.
Albert Einstein Thomas Edison Winston Churchill

A man's very highest moment is, I have no doubt at all, when he kneels in the dust, and beats his breast, and tells all the sins of his life.
Sir Francis Bacon J. Paul Getty Oscar Wilde

All that glisters is not gold.
Honore de Balzac Shakespeare Benjamin Franklin

Everybody is so talented nowadays that the only people I care to honour as deserving real distinction are those who remain in obscurity.
Thomas Hardy Oscar Wilde Benjamin Disraeli

Though this be madness, yet there is method in it.
Victor Hugo Shakespeare G B Shaw

The worst solitude is to be destitute of sincere friendship.
Abraham Lincoln Sir Francis Bacon Napoleon

It is a strange trade that of advocacy. Your intellect, your highest heavenly gift is hung up in the shop window like a loaded pistol for sale.
Thomas Carlyle Winston Churchill G B Shaw

Everything's got a moral, if only you can find it.
Charles R. Swindoll Lewis Carroll G B Shaw

I can't go back to yesterday - because I was a different person then.
Lewis Carroll Confucius Lord Tennyson

Their's not to reply, Their's not to reason why, Their's but to do and die.
Robert Clive Charles de Gaulle Lord Tennyson

It often happens that the real tragedies of life occur in such an inartistic manner that they hurt us by their crude violence, their absolute incoherence, their absurd want of meaning, their entire lack of style.
Oscar Wilde Thomas Moore Kahlil Gibran

The quickest way to end a war is to lose it.
Thomas Jefferson George Orwell Winston Churchill

Of all base passions, fear is the most accursed.
Confucius Sigmund Freud Shakespeare

I'm not afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens.
Victor Hugo Woody Allen George Orwell

If you are going through hell, keep going.
Charles de Gaulle Martin Luther King Winston Churchill

What we hope ever to do with ease, we must learn first to do with diligence.
Samuel Johnson Somerset Maugham William Booth

In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.
Talleyrand Martin Luther King Goethe

You can fool all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."
Benjamin Franklin Abraham Lincoln Aristotle

Courage is not limited to the battlefield or to the Indianapolis 500 or bravely catching a thief in your house. The real tests of courage are...the inner tests, like remaining faithful when nobody's looking, like enduring pain when the room is empty, like standing alone when you're misunderstood, like fighting for what is right even when you know you are going to lose.
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Dying is a very dull, dreary affair. And my advice to you is to have nothing whatever to do with it.
Sir Francis Bacon Somerset Maugham Charles Darwin

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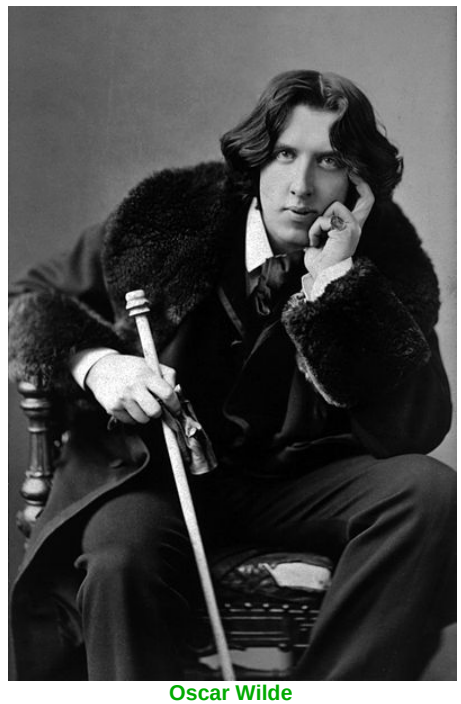

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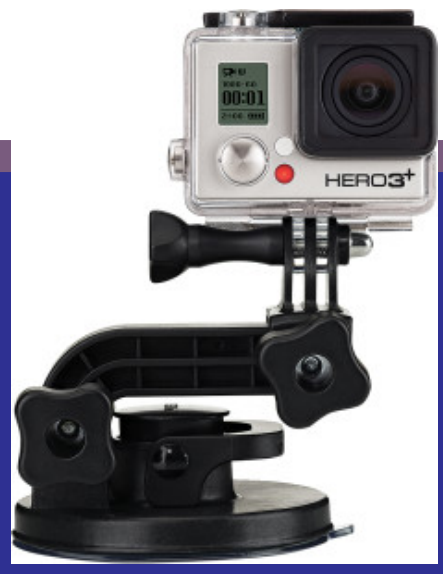

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